

PUBLIC NOTICE
Preparation of an Environmental Assessment
Hackberry 3-D Seismic Exploration

Dawson Geophysical Company (Dawson) has filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to conduct a 3-D vibroseis geophysical survey for the purpose of gathering subsurface geologic data for oil and gas exploration and engineering, proprietary to Devon Energy Corporation (Devon). Geophysical exploration is a methodology that is used to define, through geologic subsurface mapping, oil and gas reservoirs. It is possible that the data for this project may be collected in phases and/or tiers.

An Environmental Assessment will be required under the National Environmental Policy Act and Council for Environmental Quality regulations in order to assess the potential effects of the proposed geophysical exploration operation upon environmental resources in the project area. The project area is located on federal, state, and private lands approximately 20 miles northeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico described as follows:

New Mexico Principal Meridian:

T. 18S., R. 30E.: Section 13 (All), 24 (All), 25 (All), 35 (All);

T. 18S., R. 31E.: Section 14 (All), 15 (All), 17 through 31 (All), 33 through 35 (All);

T. 18S., R. 32E.: Section 19 (All), 20 (All), 29 through 31 (All);

T. 19S., R. 30E.: Section 01 (All) 11 through 14 (all), 23 through 26 (All), 35 (All);

T. 19S., R. 31E.: Section 01 (All), 03 (All except SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$), 04 through 12 (All), 13 (all except SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$), 14 (All), 15 (All), 17 through 27 (All), 28 (All except S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$), 29 through 32 (All), 33 (All except N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$), 34 (All), 35 (All);

T. 19S., R. 32E.: Section 05 through 08 (All), 17 (N $\frac{1}{2}$), 18 (All), 19 (All), 30 (All), 31 (All);

T. 20S., R. 31E.: Section 01 (All), 03 (All), 04 (All), 05 (E $\frac{1}{2}$);

Through the scoping process for the Environmental Assessment, the Bureau of Land Management will identify and address any impacts to critical environmental resources including, but not limited to cultural resources, wildlife, cave and karst resources, soils, noxious and undesirable weeds, visual resource management, off highway vehicle management, and recreation. The BLM Carlsbad Field Office must receive comments concerning the proposed geophysical exploration project in writing by the close of business on April 22, 2013.

Please address questions concerning the proposal or the Environmental Assessment, comments on the scope of the Environmental Assessment, and requests to receive a copy of the Environmental Assessment to:

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